



STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING  
Mr Johnathan Davis MLA (Chair), Mr James Milligan MLA (Deputy Chair),  
Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

**Inquiry into West Belconnen Supercell Thunderstorm**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
**1 July 2022**

Asked by Mr Jonathon Davis MLA on 1 July 2022: Mr Jim Corrigan took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

THE CHAIR: I agree. At the risk of editorialising, I suppose that is why I asked the question about whether or not we have our staffing composition right. While it is true and expected that safety would always be prioritised, there are probably other municipal services that ratepayers expect that are being delayed, or potentially not completed at all, when we take care of these challenges. My final question to you, Mr Corrigan, is around those staffing levels. The submissions we have received, and the evidence we have received so far, described clean-up at large, which, of course, as you know, can manifest in many different ways. I imagine there are a number of specialist roles. You probably require certain people to do things like tree-logging et cetera. Can I get a better understanding about how many people TCCS employ who are qualified, capable and resourced to do that general suburban maintenance that we have heard so much about throughout the inquiry? I refer to the street sweeping, the picking up of smaller branches, the mowing and tidying after an event like this. Mr Corrigan: I can answer at a general level. With the actual numbers, I would have to take that on notice to give you a precise breakdown of the crews.

**MS DAVIDSON: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–**

The skills matrix below summarises the type of skills used by staff in TCCS during the clean up, noting some staff have skills against multiple categories.

Skill set	Basic Chainsaw Operation	Tree surgeon (operate chainsaw whilst climbing tree)	Elevated Work Platform Operator	Tree Chipper machine Operator	Truck Driver	Ride On Mower	Street Sweeper Operator
No of staff	150	22 (these 22 staff are a subset of the 150 listed as trained in "Basic Chainsaw Operation")	27	37	149	189	15

Note:

- Some staff are trained under multiple skillsets
- All skillsets described require staff to be proficient in relevant Occupation Health and Safety safeguards, relevant safe work method statements and Standard Operating Procedures. Regular training is provided to ensure the maintenance of skillsets.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Signature: 

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By the Assistant Minister for Families and Community Services, Ms Emma Davidson MLA